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under this arrangement when the incentives would be less, but the whole idea is they are less because less is needed. Ethanol...and certainly, Senator Dierks, one of the...one of the underlying premises of LB 536 has to be that there are times when ethanol production is profitable. If it weren't I can't believe that people would support the whole idea of the ethanol industry. In fact, an awful lot of the argument behind production incentives has been to get the ball rolling, to get the thing started. This is...this amendment is very much consistent with that idea. We are shoring up the industry in the event that conditions are tough, things are not profitable and plants can't make any money, so I...I don't...I don't know that I have allayed all your concerns, Senator Dierks, I doubt that I have. But I hope that I've made it clear what the...what the incentive or what the inspiration, if you will, is behind this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, thank you. I guess...I guess that I still, even though it may be clearer, I still think that the disadvantages is to the point where the amendment that we're talking about right now, if it were adopted, would just...it would kill the bill. There just wouldn't be any incentives left to pay the credit, so I just...I have to oppose it and I hope that the rest of the body will also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks and Senator Raikes. Senator Schrock, on the first part of the divided question which is page 1 and lines 1, 2, 3; 12 and 13 on page 2. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Raikes, are you open for some questions?

SENATOR RAIKES: I am, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Raikes, you just voted against LB 620 earlier today.